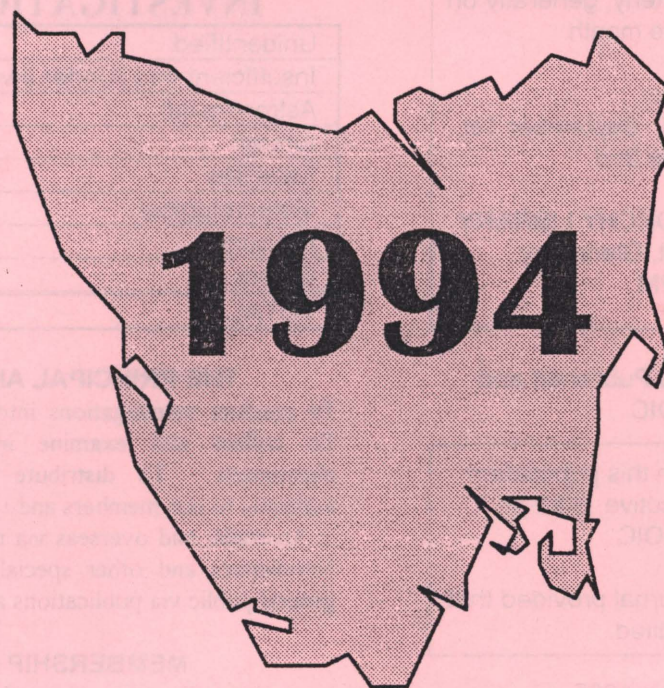


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YEAR	REPORTS	UNIDENTIFIED	IDENTIFIED
Pre 1965	130	29	101
1965	23	12	11
1966	34	15	19
1967	17	5	12
1968	30	7	23
1969	62	14	48
1970	45	8	37
1971	97	23	74
1972	69	15	64
1973	136	26	110
1974	161	57	104
1975	182	50	132
1976	192	43	149
1977	156	39	117
1978	178	32	146
1979	152	19	133
1980	63	11	52
1981	87	10	77
1982	62	18	44
1983	64	9	55
1984	44	7	37
1985	88	12	76
1986	85	11	74
1987	71	9	62
1988	108	19	89
1989	90	10	80
1990	44	6	38
1991	43	5	38
1992	77	14	63
1993	82	4	78

INVESTIGATIONS IN 1993

Unidentified	4
Insufficient Info./Under Investigation	7
Astronomical	35
Aircraft	14
Satellites	6
Meteorological	2
Balloons	8
Others	6
TOTAL	82

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1993 IN REVIEW

The saying goes "What a difference a day makes", in TUFOICs case its what a difference a year makes. The year 1992 had a bit of everything, a visit from Colin Andrews of Crop Circle Fame, TV Documentaries, a spate of sightings later in the year and the best total of cases Australia wide for over a decade.

Last year (1993) it seems had none of these features, little information from overseas although there was passing mention of a sighting increase in the United States, tales from Puerto Rico and Mexico, but none of this registered in the media. The Crop Circles, we assume are still occurring, but the phenomena has dropped out of the limelight.

Australian sightings as can be seen from our Annual listing have returned to pre 92 levels whilst this fall has also been noted in Tasmania.

Elsewhere in the Report the article on TUFOIC's data illustrates graphically the rise and fall of the UFO phenomena in the state.

Reports to the Centre during 1993 continued at a satisfactory level but it will be noted the total of UFO cases were at an extremely low level. Nonetheless some interesting investigations occurred during the year, the orange lights of Launceston being one such series of events. We picked up occasional reports from our northern city of an Orange LIT or LITS moving slowly towards the south, usually seen from the Ravenswood, East Launceston, City or Invermay areas. With the help of some media coverage from the Examiner we received calls from the Public that indicated maybe some hot air device was being released from the Mowbray/Invermay area.

Membership of the Centre has remained stable during the year with a good attendance at our quarterly meetings.

An excellent talk on Astronomy was presented at the September meeting by Martin George, Curator of the Planetarium at the Queen victoria Museum. Launceston.

NEWS FLASH!

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CAN NO LONGER ENTERTAIN THE NOTION THAT UFOs DO NOT EXIST.

Representatives of the twelve nations of the E.C. have enlisted the services of Tullio Regge, the commissioner of Energy, Research and Technology and one of the worlds top astro physicists to investigate the UFO phenomena. The announcement was made at the UFO conference at San Marino and was brought about by the extraordinary events over Belgium and the former Soviet Union in the years 1983 - 91. Russia has given an assurance to Mr Regge that they will co-operate fully in passing on any information he may seek.

Top Italian UFO Researcher Alfredo Lissoni says that Europe can no longer ignore this phenomena and it is important that Regge takes a serious and scientific approach in his endeavor to research UFO's.

One fact that could not be ignored by the European officials is that in the two year period of 1989-91 over 1200 sightings were reported in Belgium alone.

One such report is that of military pilot, Michael Bougard, whose F16 jet was scrambled when radar operators from Glons air traffic control reported a UFO.

Bougard locked on to this target and then established visual contact. He described the craft as being triangular in shape with many bright lights. In two seconds the object's speed was calculated to accelerate from 280 kph to 1800 kph - a speed no human can survive. Its altitude also dropped from 3300 metres to 1700 metres in just a few seconds.

Other news to come out of the San Marino conference was the revelation of Soviet cosmonaut Genndye Strekalov, who sighted an unidentified object while orbiting the Earth in the space station Mir directly above Canada. This news was withheld by officials until now. The object approached the space station from the opposite direction and was lit up like a Christmas tree with lights flashing. Isn't it amazing that the international press haven't taken this announcement seriously.

Source:

Australian International UFO Flying Saucer research.
May 1993



KEEP LOOKING UP!

SIGHTINGS in 1993

As mentioned in our Review, sightings were few and far between although we still picked up some interesting cases from earlier years. The first unexplained case for 1993 occurred on January 11th about 2.10 am.

The witness's report tells the story. "I awoke because the dogs were barking and I opened the bedroom window to tell them to be quiet. I noticed a very bright shiny yellow light above the tree line to the west.

Perhaps in the area I would describe as a Longley. It was rocking back and forth slightly. At first I thought it was a very bright star but it seemed far too big. Then I noticed it was a very heavy clouded night and I could not see any other stars. I watched for a full 10 minutes but I couldn't convince myself that it really was a UFO. Strangely enough I lay back down on the bed but couldn't get it out of my mind. At 2.20 PM I got back up to watch what happened to this "light" but it had gone!. There were no other lights or stars visible.

"MARTIANS OVER EVANDALE"

So ran the "On The Spot" column in the Launceston Examiner of January 15th

After several telephone calls the Centre was able to contact the witness for details of the sighting, which of course had no suggestions of Martians from anywhere. Mr M and his wife had been at their home near Evandale on the evening of January 12th when M noticed a bright light through the lounge room window, it was about 9.50 PM.

There seemed to be three spinning lights on a bright round shape away to the east at about a 20 to 30 degree elevation. Mr M used binoculars to view the lights and had the impression there was a cylinder shape. The lights were stationary for some 10 minutes before they seemed to drift away towards the north east. They looked to lose elevation over the distant hills about 20k distant. finally the lights became blurry and disappeared, maybe behind the hills. There was no air traffic in the area at the time.

ERRATIC LIGHT OFF EAST COAST

Mr N was at Redbill Beach, just north of Bicheno, at 6.40 PM on the evening of May 10th.

Although it was overcast a light was visible at about a 15 degree elevation out over the sea to the north east. The light which was white went red then blue. It commenced a movement on a level path towards the north, but then it performed an arc move, going up and over until it was heading back towards the south at about a 20 degree elevation. Next thing it was spiraling down towards the sea performing a figure eight move on the way. As if these maneuvers were not enough the light did some circle moves, moved fast towards the south and faded out. It then reappeared at a higher elevation before fading out. The whole incident had taken some 10 minutes.

ORANGE LIGHTS

Elsewhere we have mentioned the orange lights reported over Launceston and the possibility of being some aerial device, however, we are not so sure about a sighting reported in the early hours of May 29th.

Our witness with his wife and a friend were in the Launceston city centre when they noticed at a fairly high elevation to the north two orange lights. They thought it was a plane at first but the lights seemed to be too far apart.

The witness drove up to the Talbot Road Lookout to try and obtain a better view of the lights. They got out of the car and watched the lights turn in unison over the city. Despite the calm overcast weather they could hear no sound of any aircraft engines. The lights turned together and headed away to the south.

The witness drove along Hobart Road to Youngtown with the lights visible ahead of them over a drive of some 5K. However, the lights still in the same pattern looked to gain elevation and were lost from sight in low cloud. They had been in sight over some 20 minutes.

Enquiries showed that the cloud was mostly about the 400m level.

Sightings continued.

MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS ON FARM

The location of the farm on which multiple sighting occurred during 1985/1986 is some 55K north of Hobart. The area is open rolling paddocks backed by sandstone hills with steep rocks and gully's. At the time of the sighting Mr G and his wife were living on the farm with their three sons and two daughters. The eldest son was about 16/17 years old at the time, the youngest child about 6/8 years old. Mr G who sold the farm in 1988 had run the property for some 18 years.

Mr G recalls that the first UFO sighting took place about July 1985, he and his eldest boy had gone out to do some possum shooting on an adjoining property. They were at the base of a hill about 2.5K North-East of the farm.

The weather was cold but fine, it was about 10 PM. Mr G says his son called out to him to turn off the spotlight because someone was coming. Mr G said he was carrying a 12 volt motorbike battery in a tin on his back to power the spotlight. Mr G says he turned and looked to the north and saw a bright blue object in the sky, it was still at a fair distance, maybe 5K, but even so was reflecting some blue light towards them.

The object in the next minutes came closer until it was some 200m away and not far above the ground, at this stage some 7 to 11 round lights were emitted out of the top of the object hung about 6/7m in a line above the object, they were blue also. The object then dropped vertically and landed on the ground, at no time was there any sound. The object itself was also surrounded by a blue glow, it was so bright that the whole area about it and where the witnesses were standing was lit up by a blue light. The witness recalls seeing a strainer post closer to the object which stood out as if in daylight.

The object itself looked like a huge bullet type shape, tall with a rounded top, about half way was a ring, or ledge around the object. It has a straight base. Mr G estimated it at 20/25m tall and 6/7m wide.

As the UFO touched down Mr G began to feel something warm on his back, he then discovered the 12 volt battery had warmed up

and started to bubble. Mr G said to his son it was time to get away from the object, they had moved a few mts when they heard a strange sound. Mr G said it was like a singing type of noise coming from the object, it was unintelligible, like some foreign language.

Mr G says at this stage he dropped the possums they had shot and made off for the car about 1K away. He says they did not look back at any stage, and he noticed that after some 0.5K the battery on his back had cooled off again. Reaching the car he then dropped his rifle and left the battery on the ground. He drove home without any headlights and used the handbrake to slow the car, he did not want to attract the attention of the UFO. (the battery worked OK next time).

Once home Mr G checked his clothes, his shirt and pullover were in order but his singlet for some reason had a 15cm hole burnt in it, there were no marks on his back. His wife later burnt the singlet. Mr G says he went back for the rifle and battery, but never went back to the landing site. Mr G told his brothers about the event but they asked him what had he been drinking!

Some 6 months later in the Summer of 1986 a second UFO paid a visit to Mr G's farm only this time it stayed around Mr G says for about 3 months, from January to March. Mr G gave the Centre information on a few sightings but said he saw the UFO a couple of times each week over the 3 month period.

Mr G was out about 10 PM one January evening with his daughter to shoot some kangaroo for dog meat, they were about 2K North-East of the farm on the edge of the paddock which was backed by bush.

Mr G noticed a bright light in the northern sky, then he realized that his light was growing in size, getting lower, and headed for them. Eventually it came right over the top of where he and his daughter were standing, he told her to lie down. As they lay on the ground he watched an oval shape object with numerous white lights around its edge pass overhead. The object also had other lights in its centre but he can not recall any pattern.

This object seemed to be huge, Mr G compared it to a football field (Australian Rules) in size. He estimated that it was at least some 200 to 150m across.

It passed over his car some distance away and out of sight over the bank.

Mr G and his daughter now made a dash to the car and set off down the track for the road. However, the object reappeared behind them and moved over the car before swinging away a second time over the bank, as it moved off it seemed to have a dome type shape on its topside. At no time did Mr G notice any sound during the sighting which lasted some 5 minutes.

After this sighting the same or similar object frequented the area so much that Mr G dubbed it by the name of "Charlie". The object was seen at varying distances, sometimes just a bright distant light, mostly over hills to the East, or on other occasions as a defined round shape with its lights around the edge. Quite a few times Mr G was up the hills in the bush and the object would appear nearby, Mr G says he usually gave up what he was doing and headed home. The lights were seen by his wife and elder children on a number of occasions.

Mr G recalled one night in particular when the object came directly over his farmhouse. It was around 10 PM, in fact the light usually put in its appearance soon after dark. Anyway Mr G saw the light approaching from the south, it approached until it was directly overhead, at this stage it had the apparent size of the full moon. Mr G was able to call out the family to view the object some 300m above the house.

The UFO was stationary for a good 2/3 minutes then it let off two lights, one went towards the North, the other to the South-East. The two starlike lights just traveled away at a steady speed and disappeared into the distance. The oval object with its bright lights then moved away over the hills to the East.

The last sighting was in March about 10.30 PM, Mr G was out shutting the gate near his house when the UFO appeared seemingly out of the gully just East of the house. Once again he had time to call out other members of his family.

The object came past just north of the farm swinging round past one of the sheds about 100m from Mr G. This time the object seemed to have darts of light that were shining down onto the ground below as it swept past the farm.

The object looked big, roundish, and lit up with lights. It was lighting everything up as it passed over.

The UFO continued on its circle movement until it was traveling away to the North-East, it climbed higher into the sky and within a minute had dwindled to a speck of light, then it had disappeared. Mr G and his family never sighted any strange lights after that night, it was almost as if "Charlie" was giving them one final farewell performance.

Mr G says that he often saw "Charlie" when he would be out feeding the dogs, very often just after dark. He would appear from a variety of directions, and sometimes he would appear at a fair height or move along the hill line to the East. Several times he saw it near the location of his first encounter, he never felt like hanging about there and would return home. It always had the same appearance, a distant bright white light, or closer up a roundish shape, a bit flattened with bright lights, it was always hard to see the top bit it looked to have a dome shape.

UFO FLAP OVER CANADA

There have been hundreds of reports of UFO activity between 14 January - 2 February 1993 in the Kamloops area. 422 kms Northeast of Vancouver.

It began with a teenage girl reported seeing an object near her home. She flashed her torch at it three times and she said it responded by flashing back at her three times.

On 20 January, a large fireball was seen in several places and reported by hundreds of people to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The average length of sighting was one - two minutes. Several independent witnesses reported it to have a bluish-green aura.

Within this aura and slightly behind it were two smaller balls of light. A piece of the main object broke off and fell near a set of hills near Kamloops.

Two ground level "near landings" were also reported, one by a woman who saw a "glowing ball of fire sitting behind the trees for half an hour. All of the above reports are being investigated by the UFO Research Institute of Canada, who have a team in the area attempting to capture the phenomena on video.

SOURCE: Australian International UFO - Flying Saucer Research - May 93)

A Cautionary Tale by David Keyworth

There are many alleged accounts of encounters with aliens which come in assorted shapes and sizes from little-grey-men to long-haired blonde humanoids. Jacques Vallee in his book *Dimensions* emphasizes the analogy between alien and earlier-day accounts of encounters with fairies. Vallee contends that the latter were simply alien encounters but described and interpreted according to the belief-system of earlier times.

In 1955 weird-looking aliens reputedly attacked a farmhouse in Hopskinville (USA). For all their prankish behaviour, these small grey creatures (naked, bug-eyed, big eared, clawed, immune to bullets and able to fly through the air) did no real harm to the family. Such creatures in folklore would have been classed as goblins (or bogles, bogies, bugaboos etc), mischevious beings that delighted in tormenting and frightening humans. Irish folklore tells of human encounters with the Sidhe whose description (tall, handsome, aristocratic fairies) make them good candidates for the long-haired, blonde Venusians reported by Adamski). Such an analogy cannot be applied to the Scottish Kelpie, a water-spirit with the usual appearance of a horse, so far there have been no descriptions of any horse-like UFO entities! Analogy does not mean homology.

The general behaviour and activities of fairies does have similarities to aliens. Fairies flew through the air and stole babies. Humans were often snatched away to fairyland, many times for sexual purposes (fairies like aliens needed to improve their genetic stock). Missing time was also apparent with such encounters (ie. the Rip Van Winkle theme). Fairies had their own morals and agenda and definitely were not concerned with the moral and spiritual development of mankind, unlike those interstellar New-Age guru aliens' that delight in sprouting religious platitudes for the faithful. Even the recommended methods for keeping fairies at bay (eg. iron horseshoes) hardly engender confidence as effective countermeasures against marauding aliens! Since fairies traditionally had the power of glamour and shape-changing, perhaps the explanation for modern-day aliens is that they are actually fairies in disguise in confirmation of our modern-day expectations of aliens!

By contrast, the medieval christain interpreted any encounter with other-worldly beings as the domain of either devils or angels.

Appearances can be deceptive for even devils could appear disguised as angels of light. Such a distinction between goodies and baddies is also apparent in modern-day New-Age Ufology. The alien baddies are various reptilian species and the Greys (as per the abduction scenario) while the goodies are the tall Aryan-blond humanoids often so full of spiritual guidance (but note the stereotypes). Many UFO cults predict future cataclysm for our planet but evacuation for the chosen ones by such saviours from outer-space (cultists tend to become most upset when anyone questions their faith or challenges their beliefs). However, would it not be incongruous for an alien species to have the same spirituality and psychological make-up as humans (even their motives and actions maybe alien to us). So why the utopian promises and recruitment drive for human acolytes by New-Age aliens, perhaps there is a hidden agenda (remember the Trojan Horse)!

On a statistical basis, only about 10% or so of UFO sighting reports fall within the unidentified category, the rest can be attributed to various other more mundane sources. A similar statistical breakdown would be expected with alleged encounter cases (the actual percentage being open to debate), only a certain proportion of which could be classed as 'real' events. Other alleged encounters might be attributable to hoax, mistaken identity, psychological in origin etc. Certainly, any alleged encounter is suspect if the only evidence is hypnotic recall. If real, was the event accurately portrayed from memory or was it interpreted according to a certain paradigm (eg. abduction by Greys) or belief-system (eg. demonic attack if a fundamentalist christain).

Personally, I have no doubt that aliens exist, are visiting earth and involved in abductions. The researcher should always have an open mind but it would be foolish to believe that all reported alien encounters are real, most falter under scrutiny and investigation. Beware the present plethora of UFO cultist propaganda for in the words of P.T. Barnum "...there's a sucker born every minute!"

AUSTRALIAN UFO SIGHTINGS 1992/93

DATE	TIME	STATE	TYPE	LOCATION	DETAILS	*
NOV 15	2045	SA	NL	GOODWOOD	2 Org lits travel East on wobbly path	3
NOV 27	2205	WA	NL	HUNTINGDALE	Many lits dart about, with 2 large lits	4
DEC 8	2400	VIC	NL	ASPENDALE	2 erratic lits, moving stop together	1
DEC 28	2140	WA	NL	HEATHRIDGE	Org lits move/stop/fading out	4
DEC 28	2215	WA	CE1	NORLEY	Oval obj near ground, flash, shoots up	4
DEC 30	2340	TAS	NL	BELLERIVE	2 Org lits, separate, go to South West.	8
JAN 5	2130	WA	NL	BEDFORDALE	Blue sphere tiny, stops, shoots up	4
JAN 7	2145	WA	NL	ARMADALE	Erratic lit, loops over, shoots up	4
JAN 11	0210	TAS	NL	MT NELSON	Barking dogs, rocking yellow lit seen	8
JAN 12	2200	TAS	NL	EVANDALE	Cyld + spinning lits moves away to N. East	8
JAN 19	2030	SA	NL	REYNELLA	Zig Zagging balls of lit reported.	5
JAN 20	0200	SA	CE3	McLARENVALE	Humming noise, white figure inside house	5
JAN 21	2300	WA	NL	ALEXANDER HTS	Org lits, moving/stops, shines. Speed off	4
JAN 22	2200	WA	NL	WAROONA	Campers see blue/green object lit up area	4
JAN 23	0005	VIC	NL	SEBASTAPOL	Triangle shape + lits white & yellow repeated	1
JAN 24	2300	WA	NL	CLACKLINE	2 flashing lits, one buzzes passing plane	4
FEB 6	2250	SA	NL	DARLINGTON	Circle + lits rotating across sky.	6
FEB 14	2315	WA	NL	KWINANA	2 Erratic lits dart about in South Sky	4
MAR 20	0020	SA	NL	ST AGNES	4 lits move in unison of high altitude	6
MAR 22	2315	WA	CE1	ARMIDALE	5 lits near road affect car radio?	4
MAR 24	2055	SA	NL	GLENELG	Erratic lits reported circling stars	6
APR	2100	SA	NL	TAILEMBEND	Bright lit, green below erratic movements	6
APR	-	QLD	NL	STH BURNETT	Reports of darting/flashing lights	7
APR 4	2230	NSW	NL	BOURWOOD	Org lit, changed direction, departed.	2
APR 15	1845	WA	NL	WANNEROO	Large lit crosses sky, then stops.	4
APR 17	1500	VIC	DD	?	Triangle shape going fast on arc to South	1
APR 21	0400	SA	CE1	BLACKPOINT	Circle obj + lits passes low overhead	6
APR 22	0118	VIC	NL	BAROW HEADS	Stop/start org lit moves fast.	1
APR 22	2110	VIC	NL	GLEN WAVERLEY	Red/white lits seen over distant building	1
APR 26	0425	QLD	CE1	GOOMERI	Truck passed by bright lit, overtakes truck	3
APR 27	2110	WA	NL	WILSON	Org square shape doing erratic moves	4
MAY 7	2115	WA	NL	DOUBLEVIEW	Org disc shape passes overhead, fast.	4
MAY 8	NITE	NSW	NL	STANWELL PK	Light doing aerobatics over sea	2
MAY 10	1805	WA	NL	GREENWOOD	Brit lits at low level, then move erratically	4
MAY 10	1845	TAS	NL	BICHENO	Lit over sea does erratic movements	8
MAY 15	0115	NSW	NL	BULLI PASS	Light metallic Obj, amber lits, low	2
MAY 15	1820	SA	CE2	ADELAIDE	Car lits etc: effected as W lit pass near car	6
MAY 17	1745	NSW	NL	BELMONT	3 amber lits turning in unison	2
MAY 18	1910	NSW	CE2	EMUPLANS	Animals, react, 3 org lits go diff ways	2
MAY 20	0600	WA	NL	WITCHCLIFF	Obj whizzing around in paddock	4
MAY 20	2320	WA	NL	NTH PERTH	Glow shape moves off in zig zag path	4
MAY 29	1930	NSW	NSW	DURAL	Blue disc on edge, took off fast.	2
MAY 29	1945	NSW	NL	GOSFORD	Blue cigar going fast East to West	2
MAY 29	0100	TAS	NL	LAUNCESTON	2 Org lits pass low over suburbs	8
JUN 1	0010	WA	CE2	MYAREE	Car fails when red/blue lits nearby	3
JUN 5	2300	WA	NL	THORNLIE	Rotating drum shape, orange colour.	3
JUN 14	2017	NSW	NL	CHATSWOOD	Spherical obj, light, speed & turns	2
JUN 21	1940	NSW	NL	BELMONT	Huge obj over sea with pink/white/org lits	2
JUN 24	1800	NSW	NL	WEST RYDE	2 Org lits split went diff direction	2
JUN 25	1745	NSW	DD	MEADOW BANK	Rect Obj + flame, rotating over water.	2
JUN 28	2300	VIC	NL	NORTHCOTE	4 Org lits changing position go South.	1
JULY 2	2157	NSW	NL	NORTH HEAD	11 lits trav 180 kh to the South East.	2
JULY 3	2138	VIC	NL	LILYDALE	Mini size lit pass o'head goes NW.	1
JULY 9	2010	NSW	NL	EDEN	2 Org lits, one stops & hovers	2
JULY 10	2110	NSW	NL	NEWCASTLE	6 Org lits change pos going South to North	2

JULY 17	1900	SA	NL	ADELAIDE	Video taken of ball of lit to North.	5
JULY 19	2330	VIC	NL	NORTHCOTE	6 lits seen change pos, going North East.	1
JULY 20	2400	VIC	NL	CAMBERWELL	16 lits, lit up road, flew off fast.	1
JULY 26	0145	VIC	NL	HAWTHORN	15/20 lits moving about below clouds.	1
JULY 27	0150	VIC	NL	CLIFTON HILL	15/20 lits, change pos, flew off North.	1
AUG 22	1900	QLD	NL	KEPERRA	L shaped lits, stationery, then drift off	3
AUG 28	NITE	WA	NL	CHIDLOW	2 Orange/yellow erratic lits cross sky	3
AUG 28	1930	SA	NL	MALLALA	Reports of lits & moon sized obj.	5
SEPT 6	2355	VIC	NL	KEILOR DOWNS	Red lits on Large object moving overhead.	1
SEPT 22	1930	VIC	NL	DANDENONG	Org: Circle passed over, then returns	1
OCT 19	1730	VIC	DD	ANGLESEA	Cigar obj: flying west at 160k.	1
OCT 24	1950	VIC	NL	CARRUM	Huge org lit, going fast, zig-zagging.	1
OCT 31	1100	VIC	DD	SPRINGVALE	7 Silver obj approach, then climb away fast	1

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ARE THEY BACK? UFOs REPORTED IN COUNTY

By Stephen Smith

Several residents of Dekalb County saw objects in the sky last week that can only be described one way - UFO's.

Last Thursday morning, January 28, many residents reportedly heard a strange humming noise around the Dogtown area of Lookout Mountain.

This was the same humming noise Dogtown's Sue Johnston heard before looking out and seeing a large craft moving toward her mobile home. She watched it for several minutes, until it went out of sight.

Her description was similar to that of another Dogtown resident who reported seeing the same object.

Another incident occurred on Saturday which has left Lookout Mountain residents wondering. Sergeant Ron Ogletree of the Gadsen Post of Alabama State troopers was called out to Licksillet that night to the home of a young man who asked to remain anonymous. He was 28 years old, very levelheaded and sensible." Ogletree said. "And it was a very clear night. I believe he told it like it was."

The man told Ogletree that he first noticed a bright light in the sky to the West.

"He said it was about the size that a security light would appear from a quarter of a mile. He said it was about 300 feet above the

power lines, and he observed it off and on for about 20 minutes.

Ogletree said that the man also observed a "triangular formation, a series of white lights with red lights behind them." Three sets of these lights formed a large triangle, with about 500 feet between the point and each base, and 1,500 to 2,000 feet high and moved West to East at about 100 miles per hour," Ogletree related. "He said that he heard no sound at all."

The man reportedly watched as the lights stayed in perfect formation action with the red and white lights going on and off alternatively.

"He said his dogs never bark at airplanes, but they barked at this thing," said Ogletree.

"Tuesday night, dispatchers across the county were kept busy answering phone calls from residents who reported seeing strange lights in the sky. No official UFO sightings were confirmed as of prestige.

The sightings come almost exactly four years after Lookout Mountain UFO sightings occurred, which just preceded countless sightings around the town of Fyffe.

STATISTICS - TUFOIC v. RAAF

In their 1990 (Vol 2) Journal of UFO Studies article "Australian UFOlogy: A Review", Basterfield Godic and Godic present a section on Trends in UFO Reports in Australia. They maintain that several factors influence the measure of UFO reporting activity, the number and competence of the investigations, willingness of the public to report a sighting, and the creation of a written report that is added to a database.

Two databases they report exist that can be utilized to estimate the variation in reports over the years. One source they used was the RAAF figures from the early 60s until 1980, the second was TUFOIC's log maintained since, 1965. However, at the time of the article their data for TUFOIC only went up to 1986.

The author of the article noted peak years for reports in the two databases did not illustrate many similarities. It is pointed out that of course TUFOIC reports are confined to Tasmania only as opposed to any trends elsewhere in Australia, whilst the local RAAF presence in Tasmania is not very pronounced. Following trends noted in the United States the more puzzling cases were more likely to come to the attention of the UFO groups, than the Air Force. TUFOIC for instance has uncovered many sightings

over the years by follow up on second hand or vague

leads that have uncovered some of its stranger cases, especially during the 1970's.

Comments can be made with the above knowledge on differences on the graphs. Tasmania experienced a prolonged series of "Flaps" in the mid seventies, most of mainland Australia during that time period had activity at a much lower level. The Tasmanian activity was fading by 1979 but elsewhere in Australia such events as the Valentich case brought the UFO phenomena into the public eye. It would have been interesting to have followed the RAAF figures had they continued their records beyond 1980.

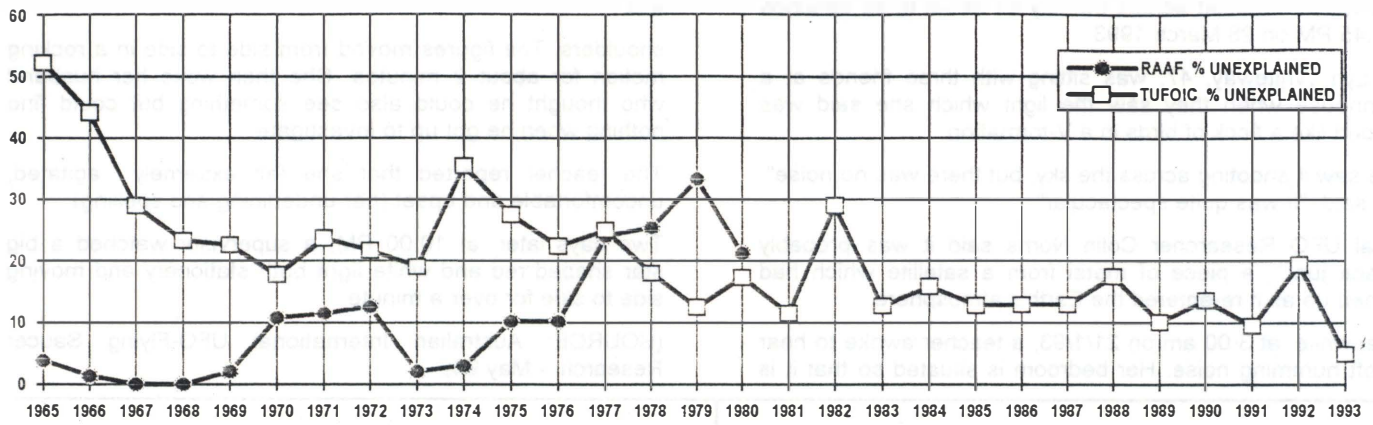
The low percentages in the earlier years of the RAAF figures, down to 0% in 1967/68 almost look like an explanation at any cost policy.

Unexplained reports from TUFOIC's earlier years (1960's, early 70's) have been received many years later and tend to create a deceptively high Unexplained % during that time period.

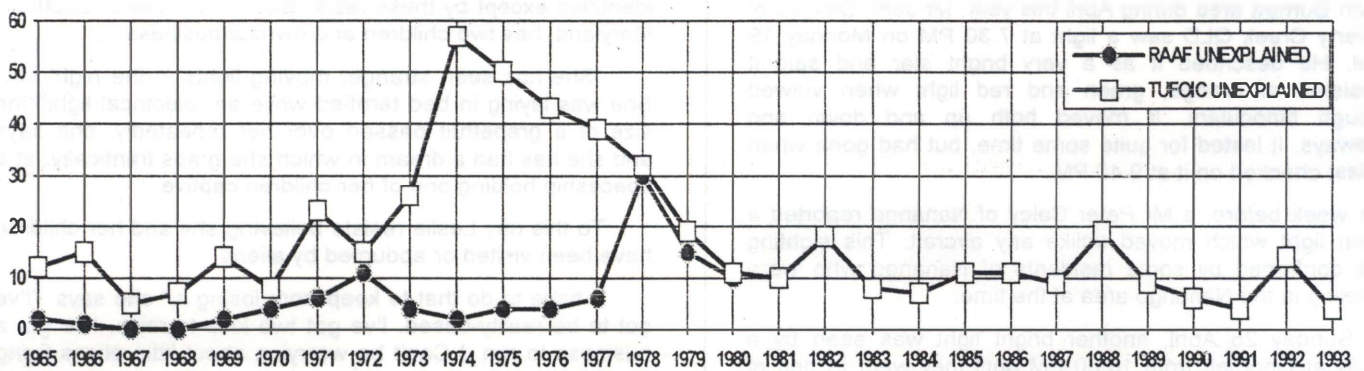
Excluding figures for the 1960's in both Sets of statistics brings the unexplained percentage somewhat closer, the RAAF at 11.4%, TUFOIC to 19.7%.

YEAR	RAAF			TUFOIC		
	REPORTS	UNEXPLAINED	%	REPORTS	UNEXPLAINED	%
1965	52	2	3.8	23	12	52.2
1966	74	1	1.4	34	15	44.1
1967	95	0	0.0	17	5	29.0
1968	101	0	0.0	30	7	23.3
1969	94	2	2.1	62	14	22.6
1970	37	4	10.8	45	8	17.8
1971	52	6	11.5	97	23	23.7
1972	87	11	12.6	69	15	21.7
1973	193	4	2.1	136	26	19.1
1974	67	2	3.0	161	57	35.4
1975	29	4	10.2	182	50	27.5
1976	39	4	10.2	192	43	22.4
1977	25	6	24.0	156	39	25.0
1978	118	30	25.4	178	32	18.0
1979	45	15	33.3	152	19	12.5
1980	47	10	21.3	63	11	17.4
1981				87	10	11.5
1982				62	18	29.0
1983				63	8	12.7
1984				44	7	15.9
1985				86	11	12.8
1986				85	11	12.9
1987				70	9	12.9
1988				108	19	17.5
1989				89	9	10.1
1990				44	6	13.6
1991				42	4	9.5
1992				72	14	19.4
1993				82	4	4.9

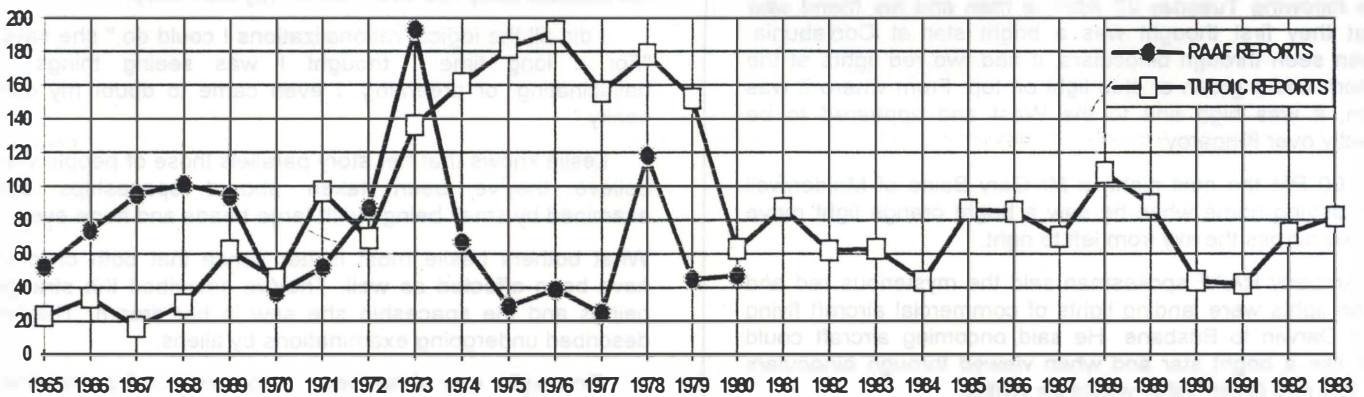
Percentage of Unexplained reports



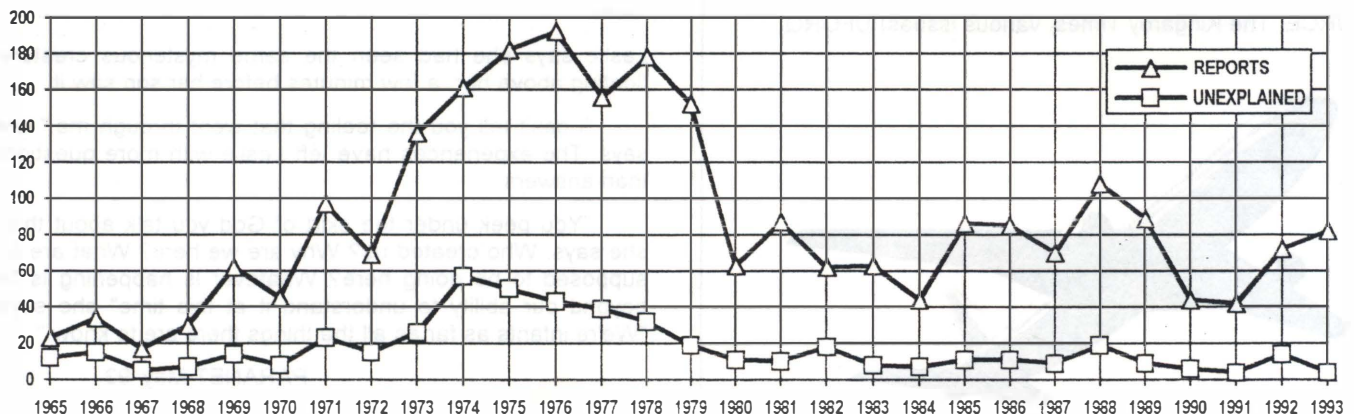
Number of Unexplained reports each year



Number of sighting reports received each year



TUFOIC Sighting reports v. Unexplained



MYSTERY SKY SHOW OVER ADELAIDE

Police received several calls about a boomerang-shaped light which streaked across the sky for about three seconds at 7.45 PM on 28 March 1993.

Ms Lyn Whiteway, 47, was sitting with three friends at a townhouse when they saw the light which she said was shaped like a flock of birds in a V-formation.

"We saw it shooting across the sky, but there was no noise", she said. "it was quite spectacular".

Local UFO Researcher Colin Norris said it was probably "space junk", a piece of metal from a satellite which had burned up as it re-entered the Earth's atmosphere.

Meanwhile, at 3.00 am on 21/1/93, a teacher awoke to hear a soft humming noise. Her bedroom is situated so that it is

possible to see the lounge door about 4 metres away. While lying in bed, she saw two glowing white figures with indistinct features although she could see an outline of head and

shoulders. The figures moved from side to side in a rocking motion for about 2 minutes. She then woke her husband who thought he could also see something but could find nothing when he got up to investigate.

The teacher reported that she felt extremely agitated, uncomfortable and upset (her underlining and spelling).

Two days later, at 10.00 PM, a supervisor watched a big star shaped red and white light both stationery and moving side to side for over a minute.

(SOURCE: Australian International UFO-Flying Saucer Research - May 93).

SPATE OF SOUTH BURNETT SIGHTINGS

There have been a number of reports of sightings in the South Burnett area during April this year. Mr John Dickfos of Covert Creek QLD saw a light at 7.30 PM on Monday 19 April. He described it as a very bright star and said it consisted of orange, green and red light when viewed through binoculars. It moved both up and down and sideways. It lasted for quite some time, but had gone when he last checked on it at 9.45 PM.

The week before, a Mr Peter Caley of Nanango reported a green light which moved unlike any aircraft. This sighting was confirmed by some residents of Nanango who were traveling in the Nanango area at the time.

On Sunday 25 April, another bright light was seen by a family at Goomeri from 10.00 PM until they went to bed at midnight. The father of the family described it as a very bright yellow star which when viewed through binoculars revealed pulsating red and green lights.

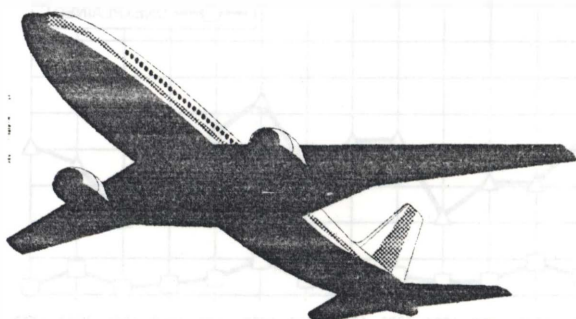
The following Tuesday 27 April, a man and his friend saw what they first thought was a bright star at Coolabunia. When seen through binoculars, it had two red lights at the bottom and a green or blue light on top. From where it was seen, it was high and to the West and appeared to be directly over Kingaroy.

At 8.00 PM the next night, a Mr Gary Baine of Maidenwell was driving home when he saw a bright orange light move quickly across the sky from left to right.

An Amberly RAAF spokesman said the mysterious red and green lights were landing lights of commercial aircraft flying from Darwin to Brisbane. He said oncoming aircraft could look like a bright star and when viewed through binoculars the red and green lights would be visible.

However, he admitted that darting lights moving up and down and sideways were a "problem" and was unable to offer an explanation for them.

(SOURCE: The Kingaroy Times, various issues) UFORQ.



"A NIGHTTIME VISITOR THAT HAUNTS HER STILL"

Leslie is not her real name. She does not want to be identified except by these facts; She is 35, lives in Southern Maryland, has two children and owns a business.

She has seen strange, moving lights in the night sky. She was laying in bed terrified while an "electrical light" the size of a grapefruit passed over her repeatedly, she says and she has had a dream in which she grabs frantically at a spaceship holding one of her children captive.

To this day Leslie resists believing she and her children have been visited or abducted by aliens.

"I have to do that to keep from losing it," she says. "I've got to be reality-based. I've got two kids to raise. I've got a business to run. I Can't be worrying about little aliens flying around my bedroom."

Little aliens, however, populate the story she tells to the few people willing to listen. And even to them, she says, "it's the craziest story I've ever heard - my own story."

I did all the logical rationalizations I could do," she says. "For a long time I thought I was seeing things ... hallucinating, or dreaming. I even came to doubt my own sanity."

Leslie knows that her story parallels those of people who believe they've been taken aboard spaceships and examined by small beings with large heads and huge eyes.

What bothers Leslie most is her sense that both children have been effected as well. They've described the strange beings and the spaceship she saw in her dream. They've described undergoing examinations by aliens.

One night, one of her boys, who was 8 or 9 at the time, appeared in her bedroom doorway and told her he'd awakened to see a little man kneeling over him in the air. The man had a big head and big eyes. "Then he got small, real little," the boy said, and flew down the hallway into your room."

Leslie says she had seen the same mysterious creature, floating above her, a few minutes before her son saw it.

"I can't tell you the feeling that went through me," she says. The experiences have left Leslie with more questions than answers.

"You peek under the skirt of God you talk about this," she says. Who created us? Why are we here? What are we supposed to be doing here? Whatever is happening is far beyond our ability to understand it at this time" she says. "We're infants as far as all the things there are to know."

PARANET May '93.

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